IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 to 3 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended) A displaying method, of acquiring information related to a selected network device of a plurality of network devices, and displaying acquired information of the selected network device, said method comprising:

a device window display step of displaying a device window allocated to the selected network device, the device window having a first sheet ~~as an initial display sheet~~, a second sheet, and a designation portion for selecting either ~~designating between~~ the first sheet or ~~and~~ the second sheet, wherein the first sheet and the second sheet overlap each other, the sheet selected by the designation portion is visible while the other sheet is invisible, and the first sheet is visible at an initial display stage of the device window;

a first partial sheet information display step of, when the device window is displayed at said device window display step, acquiring first partial sheet information related to the selected network device via a network, and displaying the acquired first partial sheet information on the first sheet of the device window, wherein the first partial sheet information is part of information related to the selected network device; and

a second partial sheet information display step of, in a case where a user ~~designates~~ selects the second sheet using the designation portion, acquiring second partial sheet information from the selected network device via the network, and displaying the acquired second partial sheet information on the second sheet, wherein the second partial

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sheet information is part of information related to the selected network device and is different from the first partial sheet information.

2.   (Currently Amended) A network device control apparatus for acquiring information related to a selected network device of a plurality of network devices, and displaying acquired information of the selected network device, comprising:

a device window display unit for displaying a device window allocated to the selected network device, the device window having a first sheet ~~as an initial display~~ ~~sheet~~, a second sheet, and a designation portion for <u>selecting either</u> ~~designating between~~ the first sheet <u>or</u> ~~and~~ the second sheet<u>, wherein the first sheet and the second sheet overlap each other, the sheet selected by the designation portion is visible while the other sheet is invisible, and the first sheet is visible at an initial display stage of the device window</u>;

a first partial sheet information display unit for, when the device window is displayed by said device window display unit, acquiring first partial sheet information related to the selected network device via a network and displaying the acquired first partial sheet information on the first sheet of the device window, wherein the first partial sheet information is part of information related to the selected network device; and

a second partial sheet information display unit for, in a case where a user ~~designates~~ <u>selects</u> the second sheet using the designation portion, acquiring second partial sheet information from the selected network device via the network, and displaying the acquired second partial sheet information on the second sheet, wherein the second partial sheet information is part of information related to the selected network device and is

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different from the first partial sheet information.

3.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable recording medium storing a program for implementing an acquiring method of acquiring information related to a selected network device of a plurality of network devices, and a displaying method of displaying acquired information, the program comprising:

program code for a device window display step of displaying a device window allocated to the selected network device, the device window having a first sheet as ~~an initial display sheet~~, a second sheet, and a designation portion for <u>selecting either</u> ~~designating between~~ the first sheet <u>or</u> ~~and~~ the second sheet<u>, wherein the first sheet and the second sheet overlap each other, the sheet selected by the designation portion is visible while the other sheet is invisible, and the first sheet is visible at an initial display stage of the device window</u>;

program code for a first partial sheet information display step of, when the device window is displayed at said device window display step, acquiring first partial sheet information related to the selected network device via a network, and displaying the acquired first partial sheet information on the first sheet of the device window, wherein the first partial sheet information is part of information related to the selected network device; and

program code for a second partial sheet information display step of, in a case where a user ~~designates~~ <u>selects</u> the second sheet using the designation portion,

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acquiring second partial sheet information from the selected network device via the

network, and displaying the acquired second partial sheet information on the second sheet,

wherein the second partial sheet information is part of information related to the selected

network device and is different from the first partial sheet information.

4. to 59.   (Canceled).

60.   (Previously Presented) A displaying method according to Claim 1,

wherein said first partial sheet information display step includes forming a list of

information required for display of the first sheet, acquiring listed information, and storing

the acquired first partial sheet information in a memory.

61.   (Canceled).

62.   (Previously Presented) A displaying method according to Claim 1,

wherein said second partial sheet information display step includes forming a list of

information required for display of the second sheet, acquiring listed information, and

storing the acquired second partial sheet information in a memory.

63.   (Canceled).

64.   (Previously Presented) A displaying method according to Claim 1,

further comprising a determination step of determining whether information is to be

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acquired from the selected network device or a memory storing information acquired from the selected network device.

65.   (Previously Presented) A displaying method according to Claim 64, wherein said first partial sheet information display step or said second partial sheet information display step includes acquiring information from the selected network device, if it is determined that information is to be acquired from the selected network device, or acquiring information from the memory, if it is determined that information is to be acquired from the memory.

66.   (Previously Presented) A displaying method according to Claim 1, wherein said second partial sheet information display step is executed if a tab, as the designation portion, is clicked on a device window.

67.   (Previously Presented) A displaying method according to Claim 1, wherein the first sheet is a screen that displays a status of the selected network device, a screen that displays a list of jobs, a screen that displays a manufacturer, a product name, an installation location, a product version, or a toner cartridge model, or a screen that displays information about a network interface board or information about a network protocol.

68.   (Previously Presented) A displaying method according to Claim 1, wherein the second sheet is a screen that displays a status of the selected network device, a

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screen that displays a list of jobs, a screen that displays a manufacturer, a product name, an installation location, a product version, or a toner cartridge model, or a screen that displays information about a network interface board or information about a network protocol.

69.   (Previously Presented) A displaying method according to Claim 1, further comprising a search step of searching for network devices connected to a network and displaying a list of the network devices, wherein said fist partial sheet information display step is executed when one of the network devices on the list is selected by a user.

70. to 73.   (Canceled).

74.   (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 2, further comprising a determination unit for determining whether information is to be acquired from the selected network device or a memory storing information acquired from the selected network device.

75.   (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 74, wherein said first partial sheet information display unit or said second partial sheet information display unit acquires information from the selected network device, if it is determined that information is to be acquired from the selected network device, or acquires information from the memory, if it is determined that information is to be acquired from the memory.

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76.   (Canceled).

77.   (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the first sheet is a screen that displays a status of the selected network device, a screen that displays a list of jobs, a screen that displays a manufacturer, a product name, an installation location, a product version, or a toner cartridge model, or a screen that displays information about a network interface board or information about a network protocol.

78.   (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the second sheet is a screen that displays status of the selected network device, a screen that displays a list of jobs, a screen that displays a manufacturer, a product name, an installation location, a product version, or a toner cartridge model, or a screen that displays information about a network interface board or information about a network protocol.

79.   (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 2, further comprising:

a search unit for searching for network devices connected to a network; and

a display for displaying a list of the network devices,

wherein said first partial sheet information display unit executes acquisition of the first information when one of the listed network devices is selected by a user.

80. to 83.   (Canceled).

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84.   (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to Claim 3, further comprising program code for a determination step of determining whether information is to be acquired from the selected network device or a memory storing information acquired from the selected network device.

85.   (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to Claim 84, wherein the first partial sheet information display step or the second partial sheet information display step includes acquiring information from the selected network device, if it is determined that information is to be acquired from the selected network device, or acquiring information from the memory, if it is determined that information is to be acquired from the memory.

86.   (Canceled).

87.   (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to Claim 3, wherein the first sheet is a screen that displays a status of the selected network device, a screen that displays a list of jobs, a screen that displays a manufacturer, a product name, an installation location, a product version, or a toner cartridge model, or a screen that displays information about a network interface board or information about a network protocol.

88.   (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to Claim 3, wherein the second sheet is a screen that displays a status of the selected network device, a

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screen that displays a list of jobs, a screen that displays a manufacturer, a product name, an installation location, a product version, or a toner cartridge model, or a screen that displays information about a network interface board or information about a network protocol.

89.   (Previously Presented) A recording medium according to Claim 3, further comprising:

program code for a search step of searching for network devices connected to a network; and

program code for a display step of displaying a list of the network devices,

wherein said first partial sheet information display step is executed when one of the listed network devices is selected by a user.

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